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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDIP, OVIP, HO  
SUBJ: DEATH OF AMBASSADOR LAZARUS

1. THE SPECIAL AIR MISSION RETURNING AMBASSADOR ROBERTO LAZARUS' BODY TO HONDURAS WAS MET AT SAN PEDRO SULA'S AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF OF STATE'S DIRECTOR OF CEREMONY, THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, THE DEPARTMENTAL GOVERNOR AND AN EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE. THE CASKET WAS TRANSFERRED TO A WAITING HONDURAN AIR FORCE PLANE FOR THE FLIGHT TO TEGUCIGALPA. IT WAS APPARENT THERE THAT THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE WIDOW, FAMILY AND ACCOMPANYING FRIENDS BY MS. PADGETT, ASST. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. JACK DAVIS OF ARA/CEN AND THE AIRCREW HAD MADE A DEEP IMPRESSION AND HELPED TO EASE THEIR GRIEF.

2. AT TEGUCIGALPA THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE WAS HEADED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AND INCLUDED THE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER, U.S. AMBASSADOR, DIPLOMATIC CORPS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHIEF OF STATE AND THE ADVISORY COUNCIL, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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3. I UNDERSTAND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT NO LONGER ROUTINELY MAKES SUCH AIR TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE. THE DECISION TO DO SO WAS A FELICITOUS ONE IN THIS CASE. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION, AND IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT OF THE GOH, TO ALL THOSE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN ARRANGING AND COMPLETING THIS SPECIAL MISSION. DR. LAZARUS REPRESENTED HIS COUNTRY WITH ABILITY AND DIGNITY, AND

CONTRIBUTED TO THE GOOD RELATTIONS, BASED UPON MUTUAL  
RESPECT WE ENJOY WITH HONDURAS. IT SEEMS TO ME APPRO-  
PRIATE THAT AS A LAST GESTURE OF RESPECT FOR THIS MAN  
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE THE COURTESY OF  
SENDING HIS REMAINS HOME; A COURTESY THAT HAS NOT PASSED  
UNAPPRECIATED HERE.  
JARAMILLO

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